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PRODUCTION OF OIL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of oil fields in the country at present:

(b) the total quantity of oil produced from these oil fields monthly;

(c) the total quantity of crude oil required in the country; and

(d) the various steps taken by the Government to boost oil exploration in different parts of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE TN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI J1TIN PRASADA)

(a): A total number of 81 PEL blocks awarded under Nomination basi and 213 oil fields/ blocks guarded in NELP/ Pre-NELP regime are presently operational in the country.

(b): The total quantity of crude oil production for tho year 2009-10 is 33.71 Million Metric Tonne.

(c): During the year 2009-10, the total quantity of crude oil processed by refineries was 186 million metric tonnes.

(d): Several measures have been taken to accelerate hydrocarbon exploration and production activities to meet our maximum requirement from indigenous sources, which include the following:

i) Carving out more and more areas for exploration for offer under various rounds of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP) and Coal Bed Methane Policy (CBM).

ii) Use of stimulation techniques for increasing production from existing fields.

iii) Application of Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)/ Improved Oil Recovery (1OR) techniques for increasing recovery factor from existing fields.

iv) Acquisition of exploration acreages and producing properties overseas to bring in equity oil.

v) Arresting decline from ageing fields.

vi) Substitution of oil through use of non-conventional source of energy such as bio-diesel, ethanol etc. Extraction of gas from gas hydrates under National Gas Hydrates Programme (NGHP) by evolving suitable production technology.